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Sir:

The applicants filed an after-final response to a Final Office Action dated January 28, 2004 (Paper No. 8) on March 25, 2004. This response included an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form requesting a telephonic interview to discuss the issues surrounding the rejections and the applicants' response as detailed in the after-final filing. Subsequently, the requested interview took place

between the Examiner assigned to this application, L. L. Tran, supervising Examiners Marc D. Thompson and Jack Harvey, and the undersigned, on April 5, 2004. After discussing the arguments provided in the aforementioned after-final response, no agreement could be reached. In essence, it was argued by the undersigned that the cited prior art combination in a 35 USC 103 rejection (i.e., Spencer, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,349,299 in view of Holtz et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,433,800) does not teach the claimed feature of marking an email address with an adjacently placed indicator. However, the Examiners continue to rely on a teaching in Holtz of representing an action for addressing an email with an icon as teaching the aforementioned claimed feature.

The potential patentability of dependent Claims 6 and 9 was also discussed in view of the arguments presented in the after final request for reconsideration. However, no agreement was reached during the interview. The Examiners did indicate they would reassess the patentability of these claims and provide an answer in an Advisory Action responding to the after final request.

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